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Author	Title	Synopsis
Asch, Frank	Bear Shadow	Bear tries everything he can think of to get rid of his shadow.
Aston, Diana Hutts	An Egg Is Quiet	A description different kinds of eggs and how they support the lives growing inside of them.
Bang, Molly	When Sophie Gets Angry-Really, Really Angry	When Sophie gets angry, she goes outside and runs, cries, climbs her favorite tree--and then, calmed by the breeze, she is soon ready to go back home.
Barton, Byron	Building a House	Briefly describes the steps in building a house.
Bergman, Mara	Snip, Snap! What's That?	Three siblings are frightened by the wide mouth, long teeth, and strong jaws of the alligator who has crept up the stairs--until they decide they have had enough.
Brett, Jan	The Mitten	Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes.
Carle, Eric	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	The progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.
Christelow, Eileen	Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	A counting book in which one by one the little monkeys jump on the bed only to fall off and bump their heads.
Dewdney, Anna	Llama, Llama Red Pajama	At bedtime, a little llama gets scared after his mother puts him to bed and turns out the light, so he goes downstairs where Mama puts it all right.
Ehlert, Lois	Leaf Man	A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him.
Fleming, Denis	Time to Sleep	When Bear notices that winter is nearly here he hurries to tell Snail, after which each animal tells another until finally the already sleeping Bear is awakened in his den with the news.
Fox, Mem	Possum Magic	When Grandma Poss's magic turns Hush invisible, the two possums take a culinary tour of Australia to find the food that will make her visible once more.
Galdone, Paul	The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Three clever billy goats outwit a big, ugly troll that lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain.
Henkes, Kevin	Chester's Way	Chester and Wilson share the same exact way of doing things, until Lilly moves into the neighborhood and shows them that new ways can be just as good.
Henkes, Kevin	Lilly's Big Day	When asked to settle for the role of "flower girl assistant" in the wedding of her teacher, Mr. Slinger, Lilly careens from boasting to pouting.

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Hooks, Bell	Be Boy Buzz	A celebration of being a boy, in syncopated, rhythmic text, and color illustrations, capturing the essence of children jumping, running, and playing.
Hutchins, Pat	Don't Forget the Bacon	A little boy goes grocery shopping for his mother and tries hard to remember her instructions.
Isadora, Rachel	The Fisherman and His Wife	The fisherman's greedy wife is never satisfied with the wishes granted her by an enchanted fish.
Keats, Ezra Jack	Whistle for Willie	A young boy tries to learn how to whistle, so that he can call his dog like the older boys.
Kellogg, Steven	Jack and the Beanstalk	A boy climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where he uses his quick wits to outsmart a giant and make his and his mother's fortune.
Kovalski, Maryanne	The Wheels on the Bus	While a grandmother and grandchildren wait for the bus, they sing the title song with such gusto they miss their bus.
Latifah, Queen	Queen of the Scene	A self-confident young African-American girl explains why she is "queen of the scene" at the playground.
Lee, Bock	Oh, Crumps!	A tired farmer agonizes over a mixed-up list of the coming day's chores wondering how he will ever be able to milk the fence, repair the cow, mow the silo, and climb the hay if he does not get some sleep. Presented in English and Spanish .
Lee, Suzy	The Wave	A wordless picture book that shows a little girl's first experiences at the beach, as she goes from being afraid of the roaring waves to playing on the shore while gulls soar overhead.
Low, William	Machines Go to Work	Toddlers love machines and things that go, and this book gives them everything they want, from a cement mixer to a helicopter to a backhoe.
Martin, Bill	Brown, Bear, Brown Bear	Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them.
Martin, Bill	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.
McDonald, Megan	Is This a House for a Hermit Crab?	When Hermit Crab outgrows his old house, he ventures out to find a new one.
McMullan, Kate	I'm Bad!	A hungry Tyrannosaurus Rex searches for food in the prehistoric forest but is thwarted in its attempts to find something to eat.
Morris, Ann	Bread, Bread, Bread	A celebration of the many different kinds of bread and how it may be enjoyed all over the world.
Numeroff, Laura	If You Give a nMouse a Cookie	A young boy, having given a cookie to a bossy mouse, is run ragged by the energetic rodent's subsequent requests.

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Petrie, Catherine	Joshua James Likes Trucks	A little boy likes all kinds of trucks. Includes word list.
Piper, Watty	The Little Engine That Could	When the other engines refuse, the Little Blue Engine tries to pull a stranded train full of dolls, toys, and good food over the mountain.
Potter, Beatrix	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.
Price, Hope Lynne	These Hands	Illustrations and simple text describe some of the many things hands can do.
Rosen, Michae	We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud, and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.
Seeger, Laura	Black? White! Day? Night!: A Book of Opposites	A series of colorful die-cut pages that introduces a number of things that are opposites including black and white, big and little, and day and night.
Sendak, Maurice	Chicken Soup with Rice	A description of how nice it is to eat chicken soup with rice during every month of the year.
Sendak, Maurice	Where the Wild Things Are	After he is sent to bed without supper for behaving like a wild thing, Max dreams of a voyage to the island where the wild things are.
Siebert, Diane	Truck Song	Rhymed text and illustrations describe the journey of a transcontinental truck.
Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps for Sale	A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.
Udry, Janice May	A Tree is Nice	A description of the beauty of trees, in simple text with illustrations, and explains why they are so good to have around.
Wallace, Nancy	Paperwhite	Together Miss Mamie and Lucy plant a paperwhite bulb. Through the long, dark winter days they nurture the bulb and wait for it to bring a sign of spring.
Walsh, Ellen Stoll	Mouse Paint	Three white mice discover jars of red, blue, and yellow paint and explore the world of color.
Weiss, George	What a Wonderful World	Ashley Bryan's artwork depicts Louis Armstrong and children of many backgrounds performing a puppet show that brings to life the song Armstrong made famous.
Wells, Rosemary	Noisy Nora	Feeling neglected, Nora makes more and more noise to attract her parents' attention.
Willems, Mo	Knuffle Bunny	Trixie becomes very unhappy when she accompanies her daddy to the laundromat and realizes she has lost her stuffed bunny.
Wood, Audrey	King Bidgood's in the Bathtub	Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king refuses to get out of his bathtub to rule his kingdom.